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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
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Application No.: 09/987,153)	Examiner: Sheila V. Clark
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Filed: November 13, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 6439
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT)	
MODULE AND SEMICONDUCTOR)	
DEVICE WHICH PREVENTS)	
SHORT CIRCUITING)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action dated August 29, 2003 states that claims 1-15 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath. The present application contains 62 claims. Claims 1-10 appear in the original issued patent, and claims 11-62 were added with the filing of the reissue application. It is not apparent why the summary sheet of the Office Action only states that claims 1-15 are pending in the application. The examiner is respectfully requested to confirm that claims 16-62 have been properly entered, and to take all pending claims into consideration in any further action.

The reissue Declaration was considered to be defective for the reason that the statement of error does not reference a specific claim and identify specific claim language that forms the basis for the error. While it is believed that the original Declaration clearly

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identifies an error within the original patent upon which the reissue application is based, to expedite prosecution a Supplemental Declaration is being submitted herewith. In the Supplemental Declaration, specific language in each of the independent claims, which forms the basis for the error, has been identified.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition to be passed to issue, since the submission of the Supplemental Declaration overcomes the sole rejection of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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